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Death of Mrs. T. M. Thomasson.

Mrs. Mattie Custard Thomasson, wife of Marion Thomasson died at her home near Phillipsburg, Kansas, Sunday. The information was conveyed to her father, J. W. Custard, Sunday afternoon in a telegram which reached here at four o'clock.

Mrs. Thomasson is survived by her husband and one child.

She has been a sufferer for a year past from Tuberculosis and her family and friends had given up hope some months ago of her ultimate recovery. Accompanied by her husband and child she spent some time here in the spring, hoping the change would benefit her, but as she did not improve they decided to return to Kansas which they did only a few short weeks ago, she was about 28 years of age.

Her sister Mrs. Crider lives on East Depot Street.

Blackburn-Boone.

Sunday, Rev. W. T. Oakly performed the solemn rites of matrimony for W. O. Boone, son of James Boone and grandson of A. Woodall, and Miss Lola M. Blackburn, daughter of Thos. W. Blackburn, one of the handsomest girls of that section.

The young couple drove into the city and proceeded to Rev. Oakly's residence and were married sitting in the buggy at his front gate. They were accompanied by two friends and after the ceremony they returned to the home of the groom's father where a bridal supper was served. The happy couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Protracted Meeting Closed.

The annual meeting at Chapel Hill has just closed. Rev. J. F. Price did most of the preaching. In the absence of Bro. Price, the pastor preached a few excellent sermons. The Rev. A. J. Thompson, of Kuttawa, has been pastor of this church for over a quarter of a century. He has impressed himself upon this community as doubtless no other person has ever done. The community bears the imprint of his moral and religious ideals. During a meeting he is well nigh ubiquitous, here there and yonder, looking after the various details of the meeting, and in the homes of his people.

The singing was conducted by J. C. Minner, and Miss Ada Canada was faithfully at the organ.

The attendance was good and the services seemed to be enjoyed by all. The day services were a feast to the soul. There was no misconduct during the meeting, but all behaved nicely. For this we express our high appreciation.

There were three professions of faith and five joined the church.

Letter From Mississippi.

Biloxi, Miss., Sept. 25, 1908
Mr. S. M. Jenkins,
Marion, Kentucky,

Dear Marshall:—It seems to be custom for those who have grown to maturity in Crittenden county, and who have moved to other states to write back to their friends and tell them of "a land where milk and honey flows." Perhaps in a few months a large per cent of them may be seen walking the "golden streets" of Marion saying "Crittenden county is good enough for me." Occasionally we find a person who leaves and makes his permanent home in some other state.

Now it is not my purpose to induce any good citizen to leave old Crittenden for a worse place, but to those who are not satisfied there and are seeking homes in other places I desire to call your attention to a certain locality in Mississippi where you can find land as good as the best land in Illinois, Ohio and Kansas; as good water as you can find in

eastern Tennessee; and as good people as you can find in Kentucky. That is a strong statement but a trip here will convince one of the truth of it.

I notice an occasional letter in the Record-Press from some former Crittenden people who have settled in the southern part of Mississippi. Now every man is free to select his own location, but after making a careful study of the soils of the state I feel that I am prepared to give some information that may be of value to prospective homeseekers and investors.

The "Black Prairie" land of northeastern Mississippi is at present attracting as much attention as any farming land in the South, and is perhaps superior to any for certain crops.

A northern man came to this region about for years ago and sowed some alfalfa seed as an experiment. It proved to be a great success. It was an epoch-making event in the history of the farming industry of the state. Thousands of acres are now being sown to alfalfa. The land produces from three to seven tons per acre, and price of hay ranges \$15 to \$20 per ton. This means that a hustling man with a little surplus money can become independently rich in a few years, provided of course he does not buy any gold bricks or deal in futures during a presidential campaign.

In addition to alfalfa, the soil, without fertilizer, will produce from 30 to 75 bushels of corn per acre, 1 to 1 1/2 bales of cotton per acre, Johnson grass, Japan clover, Bermuda, Vetch, Red clover and other crops.

On account of the fertility of the soil in producing grasses, corn and hay, and the abundance of good water, it's a fine region for raising cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules. You raise mules in Kentucky and ship them to Mississippi and get big prices for them. Why not come here and raise them cheaper than you can in Kentucky and sell them for the same price you get for them plus the amount of freight and a middleman's profit, which amounts to a good living. This is a new country and the people are just beginning to realize their possibilities and are beginning to take advantage of them. Now is a good time to "get in on the ground floor."

This is not as hot a climate as many may suppose, nor is it a low swampy fever district.

Land in the prairie region is selling for \$20 to \$50 per acre depending on the amount of improvements and the distance from town. Before alfalfa was introduced land was selling for \$10 to \$25 per acre.

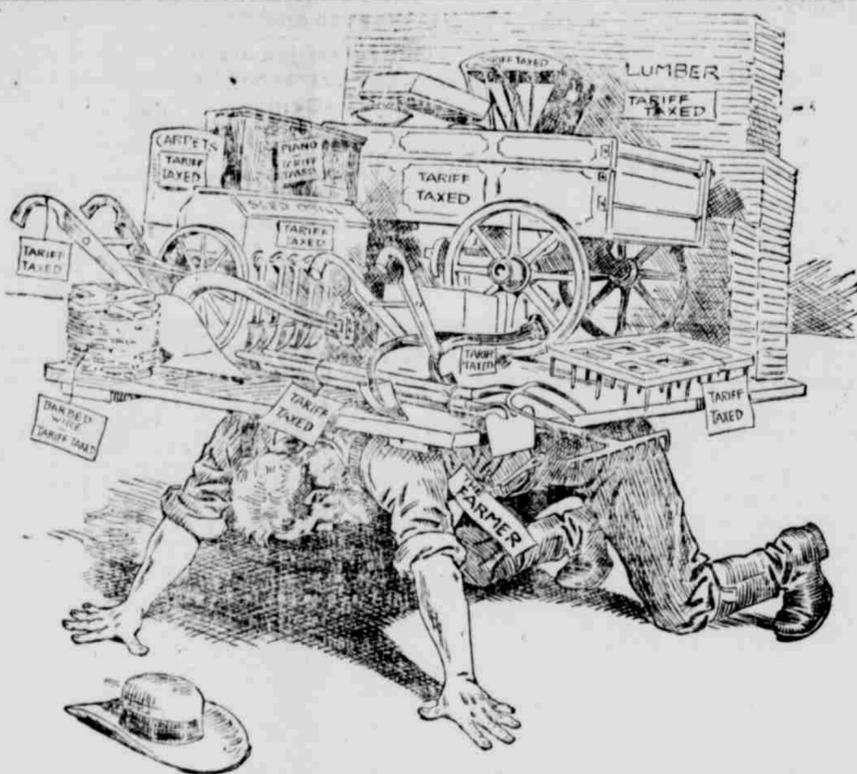
I am not in the real estate business, but I am anxious to see this section settled up by good people, and I am also anxious too, at least to have you know of this region if you are going to leave Kentucky.

The prairie region is principally in Prentiss, Alcorn, Lee, Monroe, Clay, Lowndes and Noxubee counties. The largest towns are Corinth, Booneville, Tupelo, Okolona, West Point, Macon, Columbus, Aberdeen.

It is traversed from north to south by the Mobile and Ohio R. R. giving an outlet to St. Louis on the north and Mobile on the south. The Illinois Central touches the region on the north connecting Birmingham and St. Louis and Chicago. A branch line of the I. C., also runs through the center of the region connecting Aberdeen and West Point with the main line at Durant. The Southern R. R. and the Frisco lines cross the district from East to West, giving our outlet to Birmingham and Chattanooga on the east, and Greenville, Memphis and Kansas City on the west.

Yours very truly,

A. F. CRIDER.



HOW LONG! OH, HOW LONG!

PUSH AN ENTERPRISE.

Morganfield is a neighbor town about the size of Marion. They started a steam laundry a little over two years ago and after running a year it was plainly visible that the town was too small to support it.

They claim to have the best equipped laundry in the state.

Not being willing to lose the large outlay invested in this plant, it was decided to look for business on the outside. That they have been successful, may be presumed by gazing upon a wagon painted in loud colors and in large flashy letters on each side "MORGANFIELD LAUNDRY" that may be seen on our streets almost daily.

Birthday Dinner.

On Thursday, Sept. 24th, L. C. Gass and family, C. M. Dillard and family, W. E. Turley and family, Albert Crayne and family, Lewis Gass and Mrs. Annie Agee, all met at the home of their father and grandfather, Isaac Gass, to celebrate his fifty-eighth birthday.

When he returned to the house from the field where he had been cutting and hanging tobacco, the table was loaded down with all the good to eat that was necessary to satisfy hunger. All enjoyed the dinner very much. The evening was spent with pleasant conversations, music and songs were sung and played by the children. About 3 o'clock we enjoyed eating ice cream and cake, and after while we all gathered together and sang some beautiful songs, among them were "Rock of Ages," "Work and Pray."

The children and grand-children were all present except Harvey Gass and family, of Ridgeway, Ill., but they were present in mind, for they did not forget to send him a present. There were many useful gifts given which he enjoyed very much. There were nine children and ten grand-children present. When we began to think about it, we saw something remarkable, there has never been a death in any of their families so far for which we should be more than thankful. The oldest grand-child, Isaac Dillard, who was fourteen years old that day, selected the closing song, "God be with you till we meet again" which was sung, after which we all began to leave wishing our father and grand-father many more such pleasant and happy birthdays.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

New Livery Firm.

Hicklin & Foster sold part of their

livery outfit to Ordway & Guess who resumed charge last week. They did not buy all of Hicklin & Foster horses.

The new firm is composed of Thos. Y. Ordway, of Fredonia, and Joseph A. Guess, recently of Carriers Mills, Ill., to which place he removed from Marion. Both are well known to the traveling public and are experienced liverymen.

The retiring firm are uncertain as to what new business enterprise, if any, they will enter, but will trade in live stock and run a feed stable, but will not engage in the livery business.

Notice to Farmers.

I have received a car load of Good Grade Virginia Carolina Fertilizer. See me if you want any.
18-4t. R. F. Wheeler.

Claude Champton's House Burned.

Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock considerable excitement was created here by the cry of fire. It did not take long for the citizens to learn that it was one of Levi Cook's cottages on south Main street occupied by Claude Champton, but the extreme dry weather and the start the flames had gotten before being discovered, made it impossible to stop it, and the house was soon enveloped in flames, and burned to the ground in fifteen minutes. No one knows how the fire started, as the kitchen wall was afire to the ceiling when discovered by John Cochran, who was passing by. None of the family was at home, Mr. Champton was in Murray, Ky., with the state guards of which he was a member, and Mrs. Champton was up in town at some of the stores.

The house was insured but Mr. Cook informs us he will not re-build at this time.

Day And Night Same Length.

Sept. 23rd, was the day of the Autumnal Equinox, when Old Sol, wearied with his long journey of six months in the northern part of the world, crossed back over the equator and passed into the southern half of the globe. To thousands, his six months' visit has been a blessing and a pleasure, while to hundreds, whose lives have been snuffed out as heat victims, his visit was fatal. The Autumnal Equinox is that occasion occurring on September 23rd, when the sun crosses the equator, thus making night and day of equal length, and marks the beginning of

shorter days in the northern half of the globe. From now on till December the days will grow shorter, when again Old Sol will turn and come toward the equator, crossing it on March 21st.

J. G. Crider Dead.

J. G. Crider was born, Aug. 23rd, 1841, was married to Miss Liza J. Lowery, Dec. 20th, 1860. To this union was born nine children, all living but one. Professed faith in Christ at an early age of eleven years at Piney Fork, was made a ruling elder in the same church in 1887, he has been a member of Piney Fork church about fifty-six years. Every one of his children are members of the same church.

He passed peacefully away at his home, Sept. 25th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. He loved his church, and was true to the end.

Uncle Henry Stembrieger Enjoying Himself in Sunny Tennessee.

McMinnville, Warren Co., Tenn., Sept. 15th, 1908.

Dear Editor of the RECORD-PRESS, I will write a few lines for the PRESS. I started from Marion the fifth Sunday in August, for Warren county, Tenn., I was met at Smithville by John Van Hoozer, my brother-in-law, Sept. 1st, finding him and family all well, staid with him two nights then getting me a horse and saddle, I went to visit my niece, I found them all well and stayed two nights with her, and there I found a great field of relatives that I would have to go to see, so I started out, just staying one night at place in which I have seen many faces of my kindred and old friends in which it would take me two months to get around to see them all.

The old country don't look like it did when I left it thirty-seven years ago. I have visited nearly all of my old homes and two of the old churches, one of the churches was organized in 1816, I saw the first bench that was put in that church, they were split open and the bark taken off of the round side and the face side hude and auger holes bored in each end and legs put in them.

The people out here have been pulling fodder the past three weeks. There has been two good rains out here since I came to this state.

It will be some time in October before I can get home I will stop off in Wilson county a few days to see some of my relation.

Yours Respectfully,
H. R. STEMBRIDGE.

One-Fare Rate Secured For the Newport Convention.

For the first time in several years we have secured a one-fare to our State Convention at Newport, October 8-11. With the magnificent program this ought to insure by far the largest Convention ever held in the state. The selling dates are October 7, 8, 9 and 10; good returning to leave Newport no later than midnight October 12. This will give all the delegates a day of sight seeing in Cincinnati, if they prefer to remain over the 12th. No stop-over privileges are allowed.

Each county is entitled to three sets of delegates:—First, ten a large selected by the County Association, or appointed by the County President or Secretary. Second—Delegates appointed by the Sunday Schools, each school in the State is entitled to one delegate for every hundred or major fraction thereof enrolled. Third—Pastors and Superintendents are ex-officio delegates. Every delegate must have credentials signed by one of the county officers. This entitles them to free entertainment on the Harvard plan, that is for breakfast and lodging. Meals will be served near the church for 25 cents. To insure entertainment the names of every delegates should be sent to the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Rev. H. A. Hanshue, Newport, not later than October 1st.

Every county within one hundred miles ought to send its full delegation, as this is to be the very best convention we ever held and it comes at a time in the history of the Sunday School work in the State, when it can accomplish most. Every Sunday School is urged to send at least one delegate and if they can not find any one who is willing to pay his own way, it would be a good investment for the school to pay the way of the pastor, superintendent or some earnest teacher.

For program and detail information call on your County President or Secretary, or write to the State Secretary, E. A. Fox, 712 Louisville Trust Building, Louisville, Kentucky.

Judge Graves, Your Honor.

Hon. Eugene Graves presided over the Paducah police court Saturday in the place of Judge D. A. Cross who is away on a vacation. Judge Graves was as good on the job as if he had been a veteran.—Paducah New-Democrat.

Notice To A. S. of E. Locals.

The Crittenden county Union of American Society of Equity, will meet in Marion, Oct. 10th, 1908, at 1 o'clock p. m. All locals in the county should send a full delegation.

A. F. WOLFE, pres't.
W. E. SMITH, Sec'y

Card of Thanks.

To those that were so kind to us during the illness and death of our darling baby, Catherine. We wish to express our heart-felt thanks, that the richest blessings of Heaven may rest upon them is our prayers.

FRED DAUGHTERY AND WIFE

Notice.

Now that the wool-carding season is over, we are in position to do your corn grinding and will make you the best of meal for table use, we also have cracked corn for chicken feed. We have meal for sale.

18-2t. PARIS & RANKIN.

Anderson Woods, formerly a teacher of this county, but now in the government employ at Washington, has been visiting relatives in this county the past week. Mr. Woods has position as book-keeper and stenographer under the canal commission.—Livingston Echo.